

Illusions

A Newsletter For The TV and TS oriented

We are just starting up and we are looking for your ideas and involvement. So Don't be shy, write us today!

Your Editors are:
Marsha, Krystal & Bree

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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

Welcome to another issue of Illusion's Newsletter.

All of us here at Illusions' would like to wish you all a very wonderful spring F-E-V-E-R as spring is now upon us.

As well, Marsha and I would like to welcome Calgary's executive Bree to the staff of the Illusions' Newsletter. It is wonderful being able to work along with Bree and may I add that she is a good writer! So let's give Bree a big welcome!

New news other than what has been already mentioned is our magazine gone commercial. We have come out with our first issue already selling in a number of establishments both in Calgary as well as in Edmonton. We have great expectations with our Commercial issue as it will attract more prospective members.

Our membership is steadily growing and we would like to thank those of our membership who have sent in articles, etc. It is of a great importance that we have our membership involved with our newsletter as it is yours as well as ours.

Wish that you all enjoy our new issue of Illusions Newsletter, and please don't be shy when sending in interesting articles, etc.

See you all at our next issue.

Signed,
Krystal Marsha Bree

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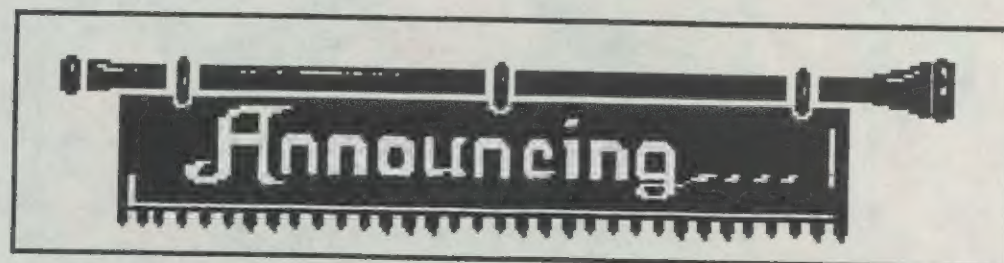
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We now have shoes instock !!!!!

The Calendar

The calendar is a service of up-coming events available for our members. If you know of any events at any bars, lounges, or other organizations, just let us know so we may publish this information for others notification. If you are having a party or special event, let us know, we'll let the membership know!

April 11, 1991 Illusions Edmonton Location: call 486-9661 (Illusions Edmonton) Time: 7:30 pm.	June 13, 1991 Illusions Edmonton Location: call 486-9661 (Illusions Edmonton) Time: 7:30 pm.
April 25, 1991 Illusions Calgary Meeting: At the Club Time: 7:30 pm.	June 27, 1991 Illusions Calgary Meeting: At the Club Time: 7:30 pm.
May 8, 1991 Illusions Edmonton Meeting: call us at 486-9661 (Illusions Edmonton) Time: 7:30 pm.	July 11, 1991 Illusions Edmonton Meeting: call us at 486-9661 (Illusions Edmonton) Time: 7:30 pm.
May 30, 1991 Illusions Calgary Meeting: At the Club Time: 7:30 pm.	July 25, 1991 Illusions Calgary Meeting: At the Club Time: 7:30 pm.



Illusions Edmonton now has a number for our members as well as our prospective members! Please take note...

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Phone Number is ... (403) 486-9661

SHOPPING AT BARBIES ... Possibly The Best Experience Of Your T.V. Life!

When you see an ad in a magazine like 'Illusions', it's tough to know just how understanding and supportive the shop is going to be. While I have yet to try them all ... know that visiting 'Lingerie By Barbie' is a treat.

Barbie has made dresses, skirts, blouses, undergarments and (of course) lingerie for dozens of cross-dressers. She also stocks wigs, nails and does make-up lessons. Barbie really enjoys helping us with our hobby or lifestyle. From the first phone call to discuss your need with her to the final fitting, she knows how to make you feel comfortable.

In my case, I wanted a 'figure'. I imagined a custom made girdle/bathing suit combo with padding on the hips and chest and a cinch at the waist. Barbie was immediately enthusiastic and three visits/fitting later, I now have a terrific shape. And the price for a made to measure, 'from scratch' product was only \$75 ... about a third what you'd expect to pay from the TV catalogues and those rarely fit at all.

But the best part of the experience was visiting with Barbie as we together shaped foam and experimented with different me's. We chatted about the TV experience... she learned from me perspective and I thrived on her interest and feedback. Barbie does this all the time and must rapidly be becoming one of Alberta's experts in the field.

You'll leave 'Lingerie by Barbie' with great service and the security of a new-found friend.

Signed,

Brenda (#029)

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Club Reports

Calgary

Calgary Status

Due to the lack of suitable publications to advertise; our club enrollment has slowed down. With TSP gone and the Confidante being spotty at best, Hopfully the Commercial "Illusion's Newsletter" commercial version will generate club interest.

We are getting spin-off interest in the club through Barbies Feminisation Salon. Hopefully any venture related to our hobby will create interest in our club. As our club is so closely related to Barbies shop both entities enjoy benefits from one another.

The club is healthy in membership and we enjoy over 80 Calgary members. Our socials continue to have great membership support and for those who are able to attend a Great Time is Had By All.

As we are close to entering the clubs second year I'll take the time to remind our members that renewal time is all most upon us. The first series of numbers on your membership card denotes the month you joined so renewals will start 05/91. The renewal fee will be \$17.00- The breakdown is as follows

- \$5.00 Membership renewal
- \$12.00 Newsletter subscription

For those who already have a subscription we will prorate the subscription to match the membership renewal and issue you a check for the difference. The newsletter will be mandatory for without the newsletter you won't know what's on the upcoming agenda.

All in all Illusions is doing exactly it was created for- Providing a Safe and discreet way of meeting with people and enjoying a common interest-

Our Hobby!!

Bree

Edmonton

Edmonton

Edmonton for the last few months has had the same problems as Calgary. For the lack of advertising in publications we have had few inquiries and only two new members join.

With this problem in mind I started the "Illusion's Newsletter" an commercial version of our club newsletter. At this time it is for sale in several shops in Edmonton and Calgary. We hope that with the problems we have had that this will fix our membership problem and expand our club. We also ask if you go in a store that could be selling our magazine and you don't see it there, ask for it. This will help get us into some of the stores.

The new meeting place for the Edmonton meetings has been working out beautifully. The people of the hotel have been most curious to us. We find them very nice to deal with.

The meeting fee though has had to be changed. We will now charge \$10.00 per person and when 18 or more people come we will refund to \$5.00 per person. The reason for this is to cover costs of the meeting (room, drinks & snacks). This will maintain an break even status. Our last meetings have had 10 people at each which is about one third of the club which is to bad but could be better. So come girls come out and have a good time. We would dearly like to see some of the members that have not been to a meeting yet.

At future meetings we are going to encourage Swap and Sell so bring any thing you have in your closet that you don't wear anymore and place it for swap and sell. Some of the members who don't have much or find it difficult to shop can take advantage of this. We also have a bag of clothes that are for anyone that can use some this is for free but donations to the club would be nice.

Well thats my report for now.

Marsha

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DEAR MONA

written by
Karen #071

From Closet To First Meeting

As a now confirmed out-of-the-closet transvestite, I am able to admit that it is like stepping into a whole new world, like embarking on a journey of total self discovery.

On first learning of the existence of Illusions, I realized that here was an opportunity to learn more about a behaviour trait which I had been aware of since age twelve, and secretly practising since then. Not wasting any time, I set about becoming a member of the club and since then, have started more frequent cross-dressing, experimenting with make-up, selecting & building a wardrobe, although smallish in size just yet. It is enjoyable to wander through the ladies wear departments of large stores just casually browsing, rather than the previous pattern of covertly dash in, buy, dash out -- complete with guilt trip, "Wonder if anybody recognized me" attitude. Having accepted that one is T.V. oriented removes the guilt complex and it is replaced with a more serene frame of mind.

I have also discovered that it becomes much easier to openly display feelings & emotions, that we were taught as youngsters to disguise or hide. How many of us as youths have had parents tell us "Only little girls & sissies cry." The disguising or bottling up inside us of our real emotional feelings can lead to confusing us more than helping us.

At my first meeting, I must admit that there was a somewhat nervous trepidation as I walked through the door, not knowing what to expect, however the nervousness soon disappeared on discovering the friendliness of the members & the helpful attitude of people with whom I could relate to and felt completely at ease with.

I look forward to future meetings and to any other occasional get-togethers and social interaction among members, as it is a positive learning experience.

Signed, Karen (#071)

What's New !!

Edmonton!

Edmontons group had its second meeting in the new meeting place and had a good turn out.

The cost of the meetings though has gone up do to costs .The meeting now will be \$10.00 per person But if more than eighteen people attend the cost will be \$5.00 per person.

We now are going to have Buy ,Sell and swap at the meeting so bring out your old goods (wigs,clothes ect.) and place them for sale or swap. Also this magazine is starting a section for Buy and Sell so write us with your list and we'll publish it!!

Our next meeting will an regular social

Marsha

Calgary

Barbie has Lockers now for rent at the shop for those who need them. The lockers are of good size to hold a good sized wardrobe.

The upcoming meeting will be a regular social. Drinks (pop, wine and coffee) and snacks will be available. B.Y.O.B. if other drinks are desirable.

*****WANTED*****

An Illusion's Girl

For a exclusive photo and article exposure . This is to become an regular addition to our paper. So write your story and We'll do the pictures. Come on girls lets do it!!

What was Said and what wasn't Said

Or

How to get yourself screwed by the press

By Marsha

This is a true account of what happened at the interview with Linda Slobodian.

I was contacted by Linda over the Club phone line at the end of January. She politely inquired about our club and when she knew what it was about she identified herself as a reporter for the Edmonton Sun. She then suggested an interview. When I was assured of confidentiality of the meet I agreed.

Krystal and myself met Linda at Teddys restaurant in Edmonton a few days later. The interview started out well. We carefully listened to what each said and picked our explanations of things carefully. Well What I Said And What Got Printed Was Two Different Things!!

She started out the article implying that we all are strutting out a couple times a week. Well I Do, but she was told most do not. The next piece of slander was "Show of girlie outfits, watching lacy-undies fashion shows-" Well this comes from asking what we do at our meetings. She was told about the up coming fashion show. That there are people around that make custom clothes for us because of sizing problems. She then ask what type of fashions, I showed her several pictures of myself in outfits made by Barbie. A black dress and a wet look outfit, along with the news letter. All these to show what the

fashion show was about. The term "ladies" was used and "lacey undies" was not used in descriptions.

The next thing she did was to print my real name and what I did for a living, my height, weight, and age. With this Confidential information printed who in their right mind at work or knowing me would not be able to figure out who Marsha is?

The next peve of mine is the statment about Transsexuals "He envies transsexuals- guys injected with hormones and operated on till they resemble woman." This statment really gets me mad because of the attitude of Linda. What I said was that I admire T/S for their courage for what they are doing must be one of the most hardest thing for a person to do. To be trapped in a condition that you can fix. But the voyage you must take is so loney and without support of friends and family usually. And that they are Trully women when they are finished mentally, physically, and emotionally

Well the one thing I learned from this was don't trust reporters next time if there is one I'll get in writing any agreements. The main reason we agreed to the interview was to get press for the club. Well as you can see it turned into a expose of me.

Next Issue the results of being Blasted out of the closet! The end will suprise u

Public illusion a dark secret

"I'm not dumb, but I couldn't understand why she walked like a woman and talked like a man."

—Lola, The Kinks

Secrets. High heels, lingerie, dresses, makeup. Big secrets to keep for big men who parade as women.

These are not kinky California-type guys. They're Edmonton men whose compulsive desires find them dolled up and strutting out at least a couple of times a week.

Many belong to Illusions Social Club. They gather in discreet places to share makeup tips, show off girlie outfits, watch lacy-undies fashion shows — and seek the group therapy needed because of their dark secrets.

"We've got doctors, we've got lawyers, airplane pilots, machinists, unemployed... we've got men aged 18 to 76," says club executive Marshal, or "depending how I'm dressed." Marsha. He works in the aviation industry.

"The vast majority won't talk. They're afraid of exposure and persecution. But some guys in the club live in women's lingerie under their men's clothes."

Most are married

The club has 23 active members. But Marshal says at least another 40 men are considering joining. It liaises with a Calgary Club which has 85 members.

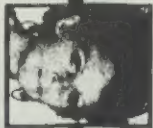
"About 55 per cent of the men are married."

Just 10 per cent have told their wives the secret.

"Some are scared silly. They're happy being married." Don't call them Drag Queens — that's "insulting." It's transvestites or cross-dressers, if you please.

LINDA

SLOBODIAN



"Men are taught to be strong. You think it doesn't take guts to do this," says Marshal. So why do it?

"Some say their moms used to dress them up as girls. There's no pattern. Every body has a different reason."

"I don't think anybody understands why. Some psychiatrists call it a disease. I call it normal," says six-foot-six, 190-pound Marshal, who wears size 11B female shoes.

"I'm stimulated by the thought of getting away with it," he says. "It's exciting. Half the time you're trying to outdo the way you looked the night before."

He shows off his photo album. Him in a red corset and heels. Him in a black dress with sheer sleeves. Him in a prim outfit. Him putting on his makeup and earrings.

"I have 500 bucks worth of chest — from a mastectomy boutique. Some men use balloons filled with water, a bra stuffed with old socks, mylons filled with rice."

The men mall-order girls' clothes and shoes, or if brave enough, shop in local large-size women's stores.

Marshal, 35, likes dressing like a woman, looking like a woman, but says he doesn't want to be a woman.

"The vast majority of members are straight. I'm not gay. It's more than sexual. It's a mental attitude."

He says it began as a Halloween "joke." When probed, his mood darkens. He admits "it goes back farther."

"I've only been out of the closet since April. I spent 12 years in terror, messed up, not knowing what I was. Was I a crazy lunatic? What was my sexual orientation?"

Some would be repulsed

He envies transsexuals — guys injected with hormones and operated on until they resemble women — because "they know what they are."

He claims he's out of the closet but is terrified that family and workmates will find out.

"If my co-workers found out it could definitely threaten my job. Some people are totally repulsed."

"I never had the nerve to tell my family. If my dad knew, he'd take it hard."

Marshal's buried his bank account buying two wardrobes.

He can't manage personal relationships.

Despite this, Marshal insists his secret's OK.

"I'm happy with the way I am nowadays," he says, eyes downcast, fingers fidgeting and jaw rigid.

It's time to go. Marshal's the one headed out tonight.

"I have to rush out and shave and dress up for a community affair. I think I'll wear my red dress."

HEALTH AND BEAUTY
New for our Illusions Members... the natural way to
look and feel good and beautify your face and hair.

Herbs For Beauty

The cosmetic use of plant material runs through all ancient cultures. Their uses are widespread and as the cosmetic world grows larger, a demand for more natural ingredients increases. Until a natural preservative can be found for use in cosmetic products for long-term preservation, chemical preservatives will be used.

As for a quick history lesson, the Egyptians assimilated their practices and developed them into an elaborate routine of beauty preparations for religious rituals and ceremonial occasions. The Greeks changed the focus of cosmetics from ceremonial to personal, developing a philosophy of all-around health and beauty akin to modern concepts. The famous Hippocrates formulated the study of dermatology and recommended diet, exercise, baths and massage for improving physical health and beauty. The Romans indulged further in aromatic rituals and body pampering. Citro, a Roman writer in the first century A.D., wrote four books on cosmetics with a range of recipes for bleaching, tinting and greasing hair, avoiding wrinkles, and dealing with body odours. By the time of the Renaissance, there was an awareness of skin care as separate from medicinal disorders. Recipes for soaps, creams and herbal waters were collected and recorded in herbals and still-room books, which were handed down from mother to daughter for generations.

Nowadays, because of new chemical researching increasing, the past has been noted and set aside. But more people want natural products rather than chemical because they're thinking about their health more. So now, Illusions is proud to include a series of articles for the newsletter regarding natural home-recipes and explanations and how-to procedures for our members who would like to try out some of the products. I am happy to say that they do work quite well, and the most important thing is to not double the batches at all, and follow the instructions to what they actually say. Any changes or alternative ingredients will be listed. All the recipes have been used by myself as well as friends, and results are good. So have fun and please write in response to the recipes, if you try them.

Your friendly editor,
Krystal.

ARTICLE #1

CLEANSING CREAMS AND MILKS

The cleansing of the skin is one of the first steps to the process of beautifying the skin. Cleansing creams are more efficient than soap and water at removing heavy dirt and make-up, which can lodge in the skins pores and crevices, making the skin look dull and lifeless, resulting in aging the skin more quickly.

Massage the cleansing cream or milk into the skin and then wipe off with an absorbent tissue or soft cloth. Avoid "dragging" the skin, stroke lightly upward and across the face. Splash your face with either tepid or cool water to close the pores.

Included in this issue is the first part of the series of Herbs For Beauty. Three cleansing cream recipes for dry/sensitive, dry/normal and oily skin are included. Please try the right type of cleansing cream for your skin type, and write back to me, Krystal, c/o Illusions Edmonton and I'll include your response in Dear Mona in the upcoming issues. Enjoy and stay healthy!

Dry/Sensitive Skin:

Chamomile Cleansing Milk

- 1/2 cup creamy milk (half & half)
- 2 tbsp. chamomile flowers, fresh or dried

1. Heat together in a double-boiler for 30 minutes.
DO NOT let the milk boil or form a skin.
2. Leave to infuse for 2 hours, then strain.
Keep refrigerated and use whenever needed to cleansing the skin. Apply with cotton wool and remove access with tissue or soft cloth.

Important Note: The expiry time of this recipe is 1 week. The recipe is made for daily use twice a day and lasts 1 week. You may use elderflowers, sweet violets, or lime blossoms in place of chamomile.

Dry/Normal Skin:

Orange-Flower Cleansing Cream

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| 2 tbsp. soy oil | 2 tbsp. orange-flower water |
| 2 tbsp. almond oil | 1/8 tsp. borax |
| 1 oz. cocoa butter | 5 drops essential oil of neroli |
| 1 tbsp. beeswax | |

1. Mix and warm the oils. Melt the cocoa butter and stir it into the oils. Melt the beeswax, then beat it into the oil mixture, a little at a time.
2. Warm the orange-flower water and dissolve the borax into it. Beat this into the main mixture. Leave to thicken and cool.
3. As the mixture starts to thicken, stir in the essential oil. Once cool, spoon into prepared jars and label.

Important Note: This is a marvelous cleansing cream, and there is no expiry date. Refrigeration is not necessary.

Oily Skin:

Buttermilk and Fennel Cleansing Milk

Note: Fennel helps to remove impurities from oily skins with a deep cleansing action.

1/2 cup buttermilk
2 tbsp. fennel seed, crushed

1. Gently heat the buttermilk and crushed seed together in a double-boiler for 30 minutes.
2. Leave to stand and infuse for a further two hours. Strain, bottle and refrigerate.

Important Note: This great recipe has an expiry date of one week. Please do not use after this time. If necessary, write the expiry date on the bottle or container when cooled and bottled.

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Some Thoughts on Relationships...by Barbie

Meeting new people here in the store is always exciting. People have all kinds of experiences and stories that make them unique. To see the thrill and joy of them discovering *Illusions*.. is always great. Some concerns that come up a lot however seem to deal with relationships. People tell me that they have been happily married for some time and thru some fate their wife or better half now knows of his feminine side. Most often the person is very hurt because his partner will not accept this as "normal". I'd like to look the person in the eye and say..."W E L L. what the hell did you expect?"

Lets not forget that the bedrock of any relationship is honesty. Without honesty there is no relationship. The wife's anguish is easily understood. Simply put, she's been betrayed, she's been treated dishonestly and she is very hurt.

OK. We know what happened...Now what should we do? Well what do we want to do?

How much do you love your wife,partner,significant other? Are you going to have to face this same situation some day? Are you prepared? When will you start to prepare?

Ask yourself these questions and be honest with your response..Now is a good time.. to prepare. Do it now. Not tomorrow... *Think about it.*

How you break the news is up to you.. but I stongly recommend you be gentle, concerned and understanding.Does that sound a little bit effeminate? Of course it does, Isn't that how you feel??

Barbie

Personals Registrar Calgary

CALGARY MEMBERS

#001 Barbie PHOTO

Hi! Do you need a place to totally feminize? I have started illusions for TV's - a club for "gals". I can bring you out of the closet and totally transform you into a lady. As owner and designer of Lingerie by Barbie, I can help you with getting custom lingerie & streetwear, nails and wigs. I'd love to hear from you.

#002 Susan PHOTO

Member of club executive. Looking forward to meeting all members at upcoming meetings.

#003 Rachela

#004 Bree PHOTO

Spokesperson for Illusions Calgary and involved in the creation of both Calgary and Edmonton Illusions Social Clubs. I am considered attractive, 5'10", brown hair/eyes - some say passable. Stylish dresser-contemporary looks with a 90's mindset.

#010 Averul

#011 Mike

#012 Vanessa PHOTO

S/W/M - 39 yrs. old, TV. Also member of Marwood Group. Interested in meeting like-minded TV/TS for mutual enjoyment and friendship.

#013 Mistress Anne PHOTO

Dominant TV, tall & slender, 37 yrs. clean, discreet and reliable. Highly skilled in B&D, mild S&M, TV maid training. I am strict but fair and have private location. Subjects must be of a generous nature, clean & healthy and have a genuine desire to explore their fantasies. Send \$2 for informative letter and photo.

#014 Dawn PHOTO

TV 35 yrs. 5'9" 140lbs, would like to correspond, meet friendship or ? Lives in Central Alberta and attends functions in Edmonton and Calgary. Likes to go to the clubs.

#015 Audrey

Active hetro senior who has been cross-dressing since childhood. Other interests include listening to good music, hiking, video production, computers, telecommunications.

#016 Scarlet PHOTO

45 year old submissive TV would like to meet same for B/D encounters of the third kind. Love to be tied up and humiliated. Interests include photography and sewing. Have a fetish for feminine attire (crinolines, garters, etc.) Please reply with phone number to get immediate response.

#017 Ray

#018 Ken

#021 Lori PHOTO

Heterosexual T.V. - age 32, 150 Lbs., 6'0" into all things sexy. Love short skirts! PVC, Leather and Lace, spiked heeled shoes and boots. Like to correspond with all. Share your fantasies. Photo a must.

#022 Joe

#023 Doug

#024 Brenda PHOTO

Out-going fun-lovin' TV. Wishes to meet men who enjoys the finer things of life. Tall, sophisticated silver haired lady. Satin sheets are my style. Photo appreciated but not necessary. Age not important.

#025 Wendy

#026 Mai

#027 Collin

#028 Joan

#029 Ken

#030 Pat

#031 Joanne PHOTO

#032 Victor

#033 Phil

#034 Daphne PHOTO

Very erotic slim attractive TV age 47 with lovely wardrobe. Wishes to meet TV, TS, ladies and males. Adore mild B/D and safe sex. Can be either D/S. I can be either your slave slut or sexy mistress.

#036 Stephanie

#037 Sarah

#038 Dave

#039 Julie

#040 Jim

#041 Ursula PHOTO

Attractive TV 34 years 5'11" 185 lbs into the total feminine experience of dressing fully in beautiful, sexy clothes including lingerie and high heels. Enjoys shopping photo sessions XXX movies correspondence. Would love to hear from TV/TS & females.

#042 John

#043 Ian

#044 Roseanne

#045 J.F.

#048 Angela

#047 Cynthia

#048 Karen

#050 Dawn

#051 Bran

Personals Registry Calgary

#052 Barry PHOTO

S/W/M 35 yrs. 5'9" 160lbs. Would like to correspond possibly establish relationship with other TV's. Exchange photo's or VIDEOS. Also require tips on dressing, etc. Write soon!!!!

#053 Carrie

#054 Stephanie

#055 Randie PHOTO

Bi W/M slim attractive N/S interested in TV lifestyle for fun & sex. Would like to hear from similar attractive TV's, males & females for correspondence and possible sexy get-togethers. Age not important but slim attractiveness is. Have lots of revealing lingerie photos, faster response to revealing photo w/ letter.

#056 Gerry

#057 Joline PHOTO

36 married W/TV, full figured, tasteful dresser, sincere attitude. Recently out-of-closet. Wishes to meet other TV/TS for close personal friendships, daytime/nighttime jaunts and social gatherings. All correspondence answered and open minded only to bi-curious "responsible" adults.

#058 Sherry

#059 Inge PHOTO??

#060 Donna

#061 Debbie

Bi/TV, 33 yrs. 5'8" 160lbs. Just out-of-closet seeking TV/TS & females for friendship. Enjoy everything silky & feminine. Infantilem & rubber toys anytime. Let's have a pajama party and play little girl games. Can travel. Phone, photo and descriptive letter appreciated.

#062 C.M.

#063 Bob

#064 Kyle

#065 Brandy

#066 Mons

#067 Dee

#068 Monty

#069 Marcia PHOTO

Marcia is a Saskatoon TS who has some good social connections in the town. She is always willing to expand her circle of friends to include more honest and sincere people of any persuasion. Interests include fashion, cooking, small talk or big philosophical discussions. She also has a strong ex-aviation background. For a friend in the City of Bridges, drop a line.

#070 Denise

35 yr old TV interested in stories correspondence and photo exchange. Love heels, hose & all types of lingerie and cross-dressing. Slim, clean & very discreet, expect the same.

#071 Karen

#072 Dianna PHOTO

Bi TV married, Hi! I would like to meet TV's, TS's and ladies who appreciate the art of dressing. I am 5'6", 135 lbs. correspondence and private gettogethers are great. I enjoy being treated as a lady. I live in the mid Sask area and can travel. Call me. Let's be friends.

#073 Wendy

Outgoing, fun 35 year old TV. Tall slim and passable. Enjoy expressing my female side. Into passing in public with other TV, TS, Females and supporters. I'm looking for honest and sincere friends to share my feminine experience with. Totally clean shaven.

#074 Kelly

#075 Ann

#076 George

#077 Jessica

#078 Kathy

#079 Tracey

New novice to being female. I enjoy dressing in sexy lingerie and dresses. Would like to meet TV/TS's for maybe a pajama/slumber party but I cannot hold it at my residence.

#080 Jessica

#081 Karen PHOTO

#082 Michael

#083 Randy

#084 Leslie

I enjoy meeting other ladies and Fashion interests me

#085 Gina

#086 Lily

#087 Regina

#088 Randy

#089 Monique

#090 Ed

#091 Ted

Personals Registry Edmonton

EDMONTON MEMBERS

#200 Krystal PHOTO

I'm an attractive TS wanting to meet other attractive TS for friendship and closeness. I like computers, reading, art as well as classical music. All interested please reply with photo. Looking forward to meeting many of you out there!

#201 Marsha PHOTO

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#204 Ddie

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#020 Nicole

#206 Michelle PHOTO

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#215 Terri PHOTO

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#216 Sally PHOTO

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#230 Frank

#231 Erica Darling

#1000 Dee Dee PHOTO

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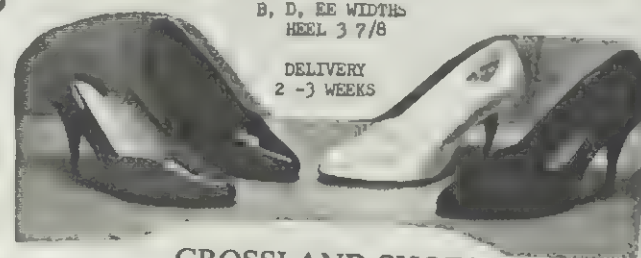
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MEMBERSHIP PROFILE: Lori 90-021

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I am an 'out of the closet transvestite'. I've been practising my art of dressing on and off for 18 years. I have one handicap in that I still reside at home with my family, [Who do not, as far as I know, know of their 'daughter', Lori] But I manage on the whole to get out and let Lori dress.

As a matter of fact, I have a great weakness for clothing, that almost borders on a fetish. My choice in clothing tends to reflect my love for theatrics. I am far more inclined to describe my wardrobe as scandalous, trashy, raunchy and sleazy. Translated, that means I love short LEATHER skirts, sensuous SATIN blouses, shine PVC outfits, LACY garters and stockings. The fact that my lingerie collection is of such an immense size is almost obscene! Stiletto heels on shoes; the higher and more stylish, the better, makes me swoon!

Once, I mentioned to a girlfriend of mine that I hated the winters out here because I could not get out in spikes and mini's without dying of a broken hip or pneumonia. She replied, "Lori, haven't you noticed 'real' women DO own boots and coats?" She taught me that spikes DO fit into a plastic bag, to be toted to the party and that coats DO cover minis to prevent chills. So, now I don't feel so 'trapped'. Now I understand the 'learning process' of coming out...What is 'natural' for a female has to be learned by a TV! No wonder women are our best friends!

"Coming Out" was a BIG step for me due to the above facts. Also, I had to add the worry of the nature of business I am in and wondering how the people I worked with would accept my 'other' side. As most of my sisters did/or do...I chose Halloween to have my personal coming-out party. In fact, it was last year, 1989; that I worked up enough courage to trust some close friends with my secret. When I confided in a couple of close friends, their initial reaction was mild shock, then honest curiosity and finally, positive support. It didn't seem to matter to them that I preferred to wear dresses and had an alter-ego named Lori. So

began our tryst of preparing for my coming out on All Hallow's Eve.

The night of the party finally came. I dressed and was extra careful in arranging my wardrobe for my 'coming-out'. The clothes I picked, came from Fantasyland, care of Deb Pyke. We had worked on my wardrobe for months to make this night most special. I had a black PVC dress with a lace inset, which stretched to just above my navel. The hem of the dress came to just above my knees. Underneath, I wore a black PVC garter belt and matching panties, with shimmery, sheer black seamed stockings. My feet were perched on my 5" black, patent leather, high heeled shoes. I took extra special care in doing my makeup, so as to be totally perfect for the evening. A dab of lipstick. A touch of pungent perfume placed on the right spots. I now felt complete. I felt as glamorous as any lady going out on a special evening.

Everybody at the party thought I looked great. In fact, some of the people there, especially the girls, were genuinely interested in me. They told me that, compared with their female legs, mine looked gorgeous!

It wasn't until the next day that I discovered that the secret of my 'other' self was not as much a secret as I had believed it to be. Of course, now my friends knew my 'other' self as Lori. I guess Lori's fascination for women's clothes came out on my male side more than I had ever realized. Lori had also shown her 'femme' side by coming out, subconsciously, in certain facets of my male side. Without my realizing it, my friends had 'picked up' Lori's mannerisms on different occasions. But as good friends usually are, they felt it was up to me to divulge my secret. And so, as good friends, they were patient enough to bide their time, waiting for me to take this important step 'out' into public. What I thought was great and I'll always be grateful to them: they never once talked about my behind my back. When they did receive the news that I was a TV, they were very supportive and treated me as a person, not as a freak. [For some reason, alone in my 'closet', I felt friend's attitudes would change...Looking back, I now wonder why I should judge my friends so harshly...Afterall, if the tables had been reversed, I surely would not had done it to any of them.]

Since then, I have gained a newfound strength in presenting Lori to others. Although I shall remain careful, I will strive to build more of a trust in others and not 'judge' them before actually taking the step of letting them SEE me. One step at a time...

Now that my problem of coming out has been solved,, there are still problems for a TV like myself to overcome out here. Living in Calgary is not that easy. There isn't much for the TV out here that isn't in the closet and, for the most part, impossible to find. This is where I am hoping the Illusions Social Club will tend to bring us together. That way, we can get 'out' and socialize!

Until recently, even if we wanted to come out, there has been nowhere to go except for Halloween. Now, 'Lingerie by Barbie' has opened their doors. February 8th they sponsored a wine and cheese fashion show (after hours) for TV's, with TV's doing the modelling. That was successful, they planned to try and do more. But alas it worked out better then anybody thought!! Illusions was born and has been a blessing to all of us. It's a start in our community and in Edmonton now for more freedom for us. I would also like to keep in contact with my sisters all over the Canada.

I hope that I can develop Lori more in the future and that I can also develop my social graces and personality through events and 'outings'. If you are interested in writing to me, please do so.

Love and kisses,

Lori 90-021
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